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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 7 has been amended to replace reference numeral 54" with reference numeral 34", as requested by the Examiner.

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. Applicant is especially grateful for the indication of allowable subject matter. As explained below, Applicant believes that all claims are allowable.

Applicant appreciates the indication that original claims 4, 5, 8-10, 14 and 17-19 contain allowable subject matter. New claim 23 presents original claim 4 rewritten in independent form. New claim 24 presents original claim 5 rewritten in independent form. New claim 25 presents original claim 8 rewritten in independent form. New claims 26 and 27 correspond to original claims 9 and 10. Each of claims 23-27 is, therefore, allowable.

**1. Objection to the Drawings**

The Examiner objected to the drawings based on a "minor informality in figure 7." A replacement sheet correcting Figure 7 is submitted with this Response. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection should be withdrawn.

**2. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 16, and 20**

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Muff, et al.*<sup>1</sup> The Examiner interprets the ride-on disc 29 as if it were the same as the "guiding member" of Applicants' claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the ride-on disc 29 cannot be considered the same as the guiding member recited in the claims and, therefore, there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant notes that the *Muff* reference does not qualify as a 102(b) reference but that it might be possible to apply it under 102(e) and, therefore, treats the rejection as if it were under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

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The *Muff, et al.* reference teaches that the ride-on disc 29 will only contact the guide rail 1 of *Muff, et al.* when a trigger mechanism 31 is actuated in the case of excess speed in which a rotation of the eccentric 28 causes the ride-on disc 29 to contact the guide rail. Otherwise, the "spring-centered normal position of the ride-on disc 29 prevents this contact." (Page 2, paragraph [0023], lines 12-13) When the ride-on disc 29 is moved by the trigger mechanism 31 such that it contacts the guide rail 1, the brake shoe 27 moves against the guide rail 1. This operation is explained on page 2, paragraph [0023], lines 10-29. As such, the ride-on disc 29 does not contact the guide rail 1 when the trigger mechanism 31 is in what the Examiner interprets as a first position. It follows that the ride-on disc 29 cannot reasonably be construed as a guiding member consistent with the guiding member of Applicants' claims 1 and 11. There is no anticipation.

Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicants' representative will be happy to discuss any issues regarding this application and can be contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

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Applicants believe that additional fees in the amount of \$750.00 are required for seven claims in excess of twenty (\$350.00) and two additional independent claims (\$400.00). A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

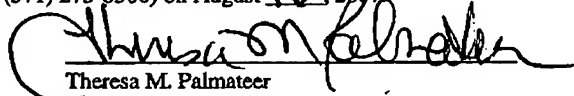
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I hereby certify that this Response, relative to Application Serial No. 10/529,079 is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. (571) 273-8300) on August 16, 2007.

  
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